

Service men and women from Guam have always been willing and ready to answer the call to arms to defend this great Nation, and we—their families, friends and neighbors—have always supported them, knowing the risk. As people of a small island community, the ties among us are very deep.

Sgt. Chris Fernandez was the son of Joseph Mendiola Fernandez and Marie Cepeda Fernandez of the “Golo” and “Chungi” clans. He was the brother of John, Carmela, Stephanie and Michelle Fernandez, and the doting father of six-year-old Kaenani Lei Gual Fernandez, whom he adored. According to his family, Chris loved to take Kaenani to the movies, shopping—almost everywhere she wanted to go. He made the most of the time he could spend with her.

When not with Kaenani, Chris enjoyed playing basketball and baseball, among other sports. He also liked fishing, drag-racing, and barbecuing with friends. He attended John F. Kennedy High School and graduated from Guam Community College. Madam Speaker, I offer these bits of personal information because Sergeant Christopher James Cepeda Fernandez deserves to be remembered as more than a name on a casualty list. He was a son of Guam, a proud soldier, willing and prepared to defend his country and his home island, no matter what the price. And he paid that price.

Christopher James Cepeda Fernandez lost his life in the noble effort to rebuild a nation in freedom so that others might some day know the joys of liberty and justice.

With heavy but proud hearts, I extend heartfelt condolences and profound sympathy to Chris's family on behalf of the People of Guam and a grateful nation. Chris was a caring son, a loving brother and friend, a devoted father, and a proud American patriot.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Library of the Chatham serving Chatham Borough and Chatham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, vibrant communities that I am proud to represent! On June 9, 2007, the good citizens of the township and borough will celebrate their library's 100th Anniversary with an old fashioned ice cream social.

On June 1, 1907, the Chatham Public Library opened in the new Borough Hall and Fire House at 10 Fairmount Avenue and the first library card was issued. In 1920, the library moved to the corner of Fairmount Avenue and Main Street because there was a trolley stop there and display windows for books. The library moved again in 1924, this time to the Fairview Hotel site, where it remains today.

By 1932, there were 2,415 registered borrowers, more than 50 percent of the population. In 1957, the library held 27,500 books, 100 periodicals, foreign language records, musical and dramatic recordings, art reproductions, a Great Books Club, Home Reader service, Storyhour, Storytime, and a playpen.

Two wings were added to the original 1924 building in the early sixties, the first was the west wing to house the Children's collection and the second was the east wing to house the Adult and Young Adult collections.

A major change took place in 1975. After several years of discussions, meetings and presentations, a referendum was placed on the November, 1975 ballot, asking for approval of jointure—to form a library serving both towns. It passed and on January 1, 1975, the Chatham Public Library became the Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams. All residents and those working in the Chathams are entitled to free borrowing privileges. The Library is tax supported on a per capita basis by both municipalities, and administered by six jointly appointed trustees with five year terms, a representative of the school system and both mayors or their representative.

1985 saw the Library become fully automated in MAIN (Morris Automated Information Network) which joins all Morris County libraries by computer database. Renovations and additions have occurred on a regular basis, the last being one for more than \$4 million, which opened to the public on January 11, 2004. Today approximately 182,000 items are circulated annually, and 9,668 cards are in existence!

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Library of the Chathams on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary!

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST BRYAN ANDERSON

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Mr. RENZI. Madam Speaker, a good friend of mine, Neill Sachs, recently wrote me about a co-worker of his, an Iraq veteran, Specialist Bryan Anderson. In late 2005, Specialist Anderson's Humvee was struck by a roadside bomb while driving in Baghdad. Specialist Anderson lost both of his legs and most of his left arm as a result of the blast.

Anderson was sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for rehabilitation. After spending over a year of intensive and grueling 6 hours a day, 5 days a week therapy sessions, Specialist Anderson has returned home to Illinois to a heartfelt hero's welcome.

He will undoubtedly require treatment for the rest of his life, and he will need our financial and medical support. As we begin our work in the 110th Congress, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to work together and ensure that our servicemembers, such as Specialist Anderson, are given the medical care, benefits, and the tools they need to succeed in civilian life.

I am deeply grateful for Specialist Anderson and the other men and women in our Armed Services.

HONORING ALEX HALBERSTEIN

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Southeast Region of the Boys Town Jerusalem for their initiative to honor Alex Halberstein. I am very pleased that on March 28, 2007 we will express our respect and appreciation for the one of the most outstanding members of the Greater Miami Jewish community.

More than 32 years ago, Alex Halberstein immigrated to the United States. He started working for the Pan Amco Finance Cooperation that is involved in transactions on behalf of Florida/Latin American importers and exporters. Following, he became the head of the International Division and Executive Vice President of Capital Bank. Alex is currently an International Bank Consultant.

Throughout his career, Alex has always been active in community service. Alex gives much of his time and energy to enrich the lives of the members of our community. He serves as a member on the boards of the Jewish Community Services, Florida Friends of Hebrew University; Hillel Council and the greater Miami Jewish Federation. He also serves as a member of the National Executive Board and the Miami Dade County Executive board of AIPAC. In addition, Alex is the chairman of the Florida Congressional Committee, co-chair of the North Dade Campaign, chairman of the Latin America Migration Campaign and vice president of the international division of the Israel and Overseas, and Allocation Committee past treasurer and secretary.

In addition to his tremendous service to our community, Alex also demonstrates a passionate commitment to make the lives of economically disadvantaged Israelis better and their futures brighter. By embracing the mission of the Boys Town Jerusalem Foundation, he enables many young Israelis to become leaders in the fields of technology, commerce, education, the military and public service.

As Americans and citizens of humanity, we owe a debt of gratitude for his invaluable contributions to build a better future for our Nation and our world. Alex is leading an example for others in our community. He is a successful banker and a truly remarkable community leader. But above all else, Alex Halberstein is a wonderful human being.

Without reservation, I support the Southeast Region of the Boys Town Jerusalem in recognizing the great honor being bestowed upon Alex Halberstein and wish him continued happiness in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JUNE BUCHANAN CRUSADERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players and coaches of the 2006–2007 June Buchanan Crusaders basketball team.

In Kentucky, basketball is something of an institution. It embodies a tremendous spirit of